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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Attendance at National Computer Conference and  
Exposition - June 6-7, New York Coliseum, N.Y.

1. I went to the National Computer Conference and Exposition on June 6-7 to attend sessions on computer security and privacy. Of the five sessions I attended, two were concerned more with privacy as an individual right than with privacy as an aspect of data security.

2. No concrete advances in security development were reported in the session on data security in government. It was apparent, however, that the panelists in government have developed greater confidence both in the techniques used for computer security and in their own ability to evaluate security in specific systems. I regard this as a major advance since confidence on the part of system security officers in the security of their systems and in their own ability to evaluate it under varying circumstances is the *sine qua non* for successful operation of secure data systems.

3. The session on the Interim Report from IBM Data Security Study Sites consisted of a discussion of the effort being contracted by IBM with MIT, TRW, and the State of Illinois; the same ground was covered by  in his briefing to the IHC on 13 June (see IHC-MM-#15, 6 J July 1973).

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4. In the session on Secure Data Systems, Mr. Peter S. Browne of State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. said that the "risk management" approach to security is a natural for insurance companies whose whole existence is predicated upon the calculations of risks. Mr. Jim Clayton discussed the requirements for secure data in DoD. Mr. Richard G. Mills, First National City Bank, discussed the problem of data security in banking systems; the requirements appear to be as stringent as those for intelligence data.

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5. Due to conflicts between the schedule for the Exposition and the sessions on data security, I was unable to cover the manufacturers exhibits of equipment as I wished. I feel that as much as one day could have profitably been spent becoming familiar with new terminal equipment. It is recommended that time be allowed for the Exposition as well as the conference sessions if an IC representative is sent to a future NCC.

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